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Malabar ...	...	Seethangundy estate, Kollengode (Palghat taluk).
South Kanara	...	Puttur taluk.
Coimbatore	...	Anayarkundi, Bolampatti reserve in connexion with the headworks of the Coimbatore water-supply scheme.

No malaria investigation has so far been made by the Special Malaria Officer in any part of the district of Salem.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Special Malaria Officer attributes the prevalence of malaria in the above places generally to their swampy and marshy condition and the stagnation of the numerous hill streams and channels due to the growth of weeds and grass along their courses.

(*d*) The remedies suggested to combat malaria in these places besides other minor recommendations appropriate to the areas are to drain the swamps and marshy areas and to let the hill streams and channels flow free by removing all grass and weeds.

(*e*) The reports have been communicated to the authorities concerned for necessary action.

Acquisition of the property of the Basel Mission for the Government Headquarters Hospital, Calicut.

* 252 *Q.*— Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to my question No. 1816 answered on 22nd March 1929, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what decision the Government have arrived at regarding the proposed acquisition of the property of the Basel Mission for the Government Headquarters Hospital at Calicut?

A.—Acquisition of the Mission property has been given up.

Lepers in the Sirva village in South Kanara.

* 253 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether there is an abnormal number of lepers in the Sirva village in South Kanara?

A.—The Government have no information and do not consider it necessary to institute an enquiry.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I enquire why the Government do not consider it necessary to call for the information? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Because there are many villages, and it would involve a good deal of labour and time which is not warranted in the public interest."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I point out that I have asked for information for only one village, and that there is only one village which contains a large number of lepers? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Probably the hon. Member is aware of that information and it is therefore not necessary to call for that again."